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SPITFIRE SQUADRON IN ACTION OFF ARAKAN COAST

Story Of Interception Of Jap Bombers And Fighters

NEW DELHI, January 6.

It can now be announced that the R. A. F. Fighter Squadron of the Tactical Air Force which so successfully intercepted a force of some 30 Japanese bombers and fighters off the Arakan Coast on December 31st, destroying or damaging nearly the whole of the Enemy Formation, was a Spitfire Squadron of 12 aircraft, says a press note.

The Prime Minister has sent the following message to the Squadron concerned: "My congratulations and compliments on your brilliant exploit".

The Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in a message says: "This brilliant exploit was grand news for New Year's Day. Congratulations to the Squadron that fought so well".

This is the first announcement that spitfires are operating from India against the Japanese in Burma. The presence here of "the world's best fighters" as the spitfires are described, has been well-kept secret for some months, during which the Japanese have been greatly worried and puzzled. Their reconnaissance planes which were sent over at a height to which it is difficult for hurricanes to climb in time to intercept them failed to return. A series of such losses followed. The Japanese made efforts to discover the cause, but failed. Japanese planes sent out to search the aerodromes in India were also shot down. Finally, a fair-sized Japanese fighter sweep was staged. When spitfires came up to engage them, the few Japanese who survived the encounter were the first to take home the chilling news of the real cause of their disaster.

Allies Exploit Jap Tricks

Our grip on the Japanese force isolated on a low-lying feature commanding one of the approaches to Maungdaw is tightening. It looks as though few Japs will get out alive from the strong point which they have been defending against a local attack by British and Indian troops which started on new year's eve, writes an Indian army observer.

Our infantry are astride the enemy lines of withdrawal. When one party of Japanese tried to creep out under cover of darkness, at least four of them were killed, and the rest turned back. The defenders of the feature are being hammered by our artillery and mortar fire, and our gunners have also combined with hurricanes in shooting up areas in the rear which might contain Jap snipers.

Every artifice is being used in this "war of nerves" and the Japs do not like the way we are exploiting some of their tricks. Whether it is ropes, shaking jungle bushes, rattling tins or noises suggestive of another infantry attack, the enemy is made to open fire and waste ammunition which is difficult to replace.

The Japs' water point is surrounded by men of a Home Counties Regiment. The enemy cookhouse has been so successfully sniped that no Jap dare venture into it by day-light.

What was on new year's eve a green hill, feathered on its crest by jungle trees, is now a desolate shell—torn blot on the landscape, but the enemy, who are now estimated to have lost a third of their regular strength, are still tenaciously hitting back where and when they can. Every Bren Gun carrier driver on our side volunteers each day to face one of these desperate counter-measures by driving supplies to our troops through a valley between enemy machine-gunners. So far, we have not lost a single carrier in this blockade-running ferry-service.—A. P.

1944 WILL BE DECISIVE YEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6: President Roosevelt in his Thirteenth Lend Lease Report to Congress to-day said 1944 will be the year of decisive action in the war. He credited Lend Lease with the increasing power of Allied offensives and stressed the tremendous increases in munitions shipments.

The United Nations enter New Year stronger and more firmly united than ever before. Germany and Japan will both soon learn that to their sorrow. The offensive against Japan is being speeded by our Lend Lease shipments to India, China, Australia and New Zealand. Through Lend Lease, American food is helping to maintain the rations of the Soviet army, of British soldiers and war workers and of others who are engaged in the war against the Axis either on the front or behind the lines.—Reuter

Australian Troops Land In New Guinea

LONDON, Jan. 6: The German News Agency quoting a Tokyo report said to-night (Thursday) that Australian troops have made a new landing on the north coast of New Guinea at Cape Gumbi.

Cape Gumbi is about five miles west of Saidor near Helmholtz point.

This new landing on the north coast of New Guinea means Australian troops have now established themselves farther up the north coast of New Guinea above the American positions at Saidor.—Reuter.

Casey Evades Straight Question

LONDON, Jan. 6.

The Governor-Designate of Bengal, Mr. Richard Casey was questioned today about his recent statement in Cairo that what Admiral Mountbatten would want of him would be "A quiet, orderly and contented base."

An Indian journalist attending the Press Conference at the Information Ministry asked him "how can you possibly have a contented base in Bengal without order and contentment all over India? Do you not think it is impossible to have order and contentment all over India without the formation of a strong National Government at the Centre and the recognition of India's Independence now?"

Mr. Casey replied, "perhaps in that very short reference I made to Lord Louis Mountbatten, I was a little harrow in what I said. My eyes were focussed on Bengal. I agree we want contentment in the whole of India. I was talking rather selffishly and narrowly of the place I was going to. You have given me an opportunity of making some sage remarks in a wider political sphere than I propose to comment on to-day. It is hardly the time, when I am just setting forth for India to make any sage prognostications on a high political level".

On the subject of political prisoners in Bengal, he said that he had read a long paper on the subject, but he had not developed personal views on it yet. He hoped to be in London again in a year's time as he thought that personal contact with the Government at the Centre was essential.—Reuter.

Big Flare-Up Imminent

British Destroyers Shell Pesaro

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, Jan. 6: British destroyers shelled Pesaro, it is officially announced.

It is officially announced that British and American troops have launched an attack on the 5th Army front.

Half of the village of San Vittore has been captured by the 5th Army. An attack was launched on Tuesday night on a 10-mile front.

A British and American attack on the Fifth Army front was launched amid sleet and heavy rainfall along a front extending five miles on either side of the Rome Road. The Front runs from a point west of Venafro to a point west of Rocca. The one-mile advance recorded in the communique was made against very stiff opposition. Fierce street fighting is still going on in San Vittore. The Germans have converted buildings into blockhouses, concealing machine-guns and other automatic weapons, in the same way as they did at Ortona against the Eighth Army.

The British part of the attack was in the Southern Sector of the ten mile front near a bend in the Garigliano river.

Both sides in Italy are putting finishing touches to preparations for a big new clash which is expected to flare up at any moment all along the Italian front, the Rome Radio said to-day. Before Pescara in the East and in the San Vittore mountain mass in the west the Germans are ready for powerful new assaults by the 8th and 5th Armies against these two bastions guarding the two gateways to Rome.—Reuter.

British Submarines Score

LONDON, Jan. 6: Eight vessels including one large tanker have been sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

GERMANS ORDER STERILISATION OF JEWS?

LONDON, Jan. 5.

The acting Czechoslovak Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Hubert Tipka broadcasting from London on Wednesday night, told the Czechoslovak people that the Germans have ordered the sterilisation of the few Czechoslovak Jews who have still escaped deportation to the Slaughter camps of Poland.

These are either Jews living in mixed marriages and their offspring or a few declared as economically useful to the Germans "All have now to undergo sterilisation if they do not choose to be deported to Poland to certain death where gas chambers are working at full steam, and torture and shooting are raging," said Dr. Ripka.—Reuter.

Restraint Order On Shivshanker Raval

(From Our Correspondent)

INDORE, Jan. 5. Pt. Shivshanker Raval, Ex-President of the Gwalior State Peoples' Conference and a Member of the Working Committee of the Central India States' Peoples' Conference has been served with an order under Rule 26 of the D.I.R. asking him to refrain from addressing any meeting in the Ujjain (Gwalior State) District for a period of 6 months.

Mr. Rishidatta Mehta, Editor of the "Rajasthan Kesari", a nationalist Hindi weekly, who was detained in the Ajmer Central Jail since August 1942 has been unconditionally released and is shortly proceeding to Ahmedabad to resume publication of the paper.

Syt. Kanak 'Madhukar', Editor of another Hindi weekly 'Navjiwan' published from Ajmer, who is now out of prison but under an externment order of the Commissioner of Ajmer, has been permitted by the Mewar State to take out the paper from Udaipur and its first issue is expected to be published before the end of this month.

The Central India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan has requested the authorities of the A.-I. Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Allahabad) to hold the session of the Sammelan at Ujjain (C.I.) during the Easter holidays when the Vikram Celebrations are going to take place at Ujjain on a very large scale.

LAHORE GHEE CASE CONVICTIONS

NEW DELHI, Jan. 5.—The "Lahore Ghee Case" concluded with the punishment of certain persons who were charged with entering into a conspiracy to cheat Government by supplying vegetable fats to the Army instead of pure ghee. The accused Jairam Das was sentenced to five years' R.I. and Rai Sahib Unkar Parshad, Bansi Lal and Nathu Ram to three years' R.I. each.—A.P.

LABOUR LEADERS EXTERNED

BANGALORE, Jan. 5.—The Government of Mysore have passed orders directing release and externment from the State of three Labour leaders, Messrs. Parasuram, Venkatesh and Phillip who have been detained in Bangalore Central Jail under the D.I.R. The Labour leaders have been asked to remove themselves outside the State limits immediately.—A.P.

DIGGING FOR VICTORY

Govt. Plans For Increasing Coal Production

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6

Effective control to ensure maximum production and distribution of coal is now believed to have been decided upon by the Government of India. Under the scheme tentatively agreed upon, the Government will create a monopoly of coal by effecting distribution and sale through the Coal Commissioner. Industrial and other interests under the scheme would intimate their requirements to Coal Commissioner who will allocate supply from particular coalmines at fixed prices. R/R will be made non-transferable and will be given to the interest concerned by the Coal Commissioner. The Government will also lay down minimum coal production by each mine on the basis of the last three years' average production and will compel each colliery owner to produce that minimum. Collieries producing more than the minimum fixed will be given relief in E. P. T. Government will compel colliery owners to hire from themselves such machinery as they require. Government will lay down conditions for employment of Labour. Lastly, the Government will take over mines whose owners do not comply with the stipulation laid down.

Violation Of Anti-Trust Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6: Lord McGowan and Lord Melchett were named by the United States Justice Department as defendants in a suit for alleged violation of the anti-trust laws, it was announced here to-day (Thursday). The suit also names the Imperial Chemical Industries of Great Britain and the American Dupont Corporation, alleging violations of the anti-trust law.—Reuter.

"No Sin To Base Indian Constitution On Vedas"

NASIK, Jan 6: "If a Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia could boldly suggest that the constitution of Pan-Arab Union should be based on Koran, what sin the Hindu Mahasabha would commit if it were to say that the Constitution of India should be based on the Vedas," observed Dr. B S Moonje in an interview on the suggestion of Emir Feisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, that the constitution of Pan-Arab Union should be based on Koran.

To a question regarding protection of minorities, Dr. Moonje replied: "Hindus are prepared to concede full religious, social and cultural freedom to the Mussalmans and Christians. In any constitution of India protection to the minorities will be given on the lines of the formulas evolved by the League of Nations, though now defunct, which was the result of the combined wisdom and statesmanship of Europe, America and England unrefilled by any communal consideration".—United Press.

Cheaper Bread For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, January 6.

Bread will be cheaper in Calcutta and Suburban Municipalities from tomorrow. Under the Defence of India Rules the maximum price of bread has been revised and fixed at five annas per one pound loaf. A reduction from seven annas to six was made a few weeks ago, and the present order further reduces it to five annas.

The maximum retail prices of wheat, atta, flour and sooji were reduced with effect from the first in January.—A. P.

TENANCY LEGISLATION IN SIND

KARACHI, January 6.

The committee appointed by the Sind Legislative Assembly last year to go into the question of introducing tenancy legislation in the Province met at the Secretariat on several days this week. After studying the Tenancy Laws in existence in other Provinces such as the United Provinces, Madras and Bombay the Committee it is learnt, decided that similar legislation should be passed in Sind.—A. P.

AHMEDABAD RIOT-TAX NOT TO BE COLLECTED NOW

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, January 6.

It is reliably understood the riot-tax of about Rs 18 lakhs imposed on Ahmedabad citizens by increasing the water-rate will not be collected now. The question will be entirely left for decision to the New Board to be constituted in March. No orders have been issued for collection which was suspended owing to strong public resentment.

UNSTAMPED CLOTH WORTH RS. 3 LAKHS SEALED

SURAT, Jan. 6.

During the past five days the police raided almost all cloth shops in the city and have sealed unstamped cloth worth three lakhs of rupees.—A. P.

PESHAWAR, Jan. 4: Two Hindus are reported to have been kidnapped when a gang of fifteen outlaws raided the village of Kotalalodhian in Dera Ismail Khan district. The police rushed to the spot and are chasing the gang.—O. P.

Threat To Nazi Bastions

Will Dnieper Bend Prove Another Stalingrad?

MOSCOW, Jan. 6: Large German forces inside the Dnieper Bend to-day face a catastrophe as great as Stalingrad, while Hitler's Headquarters for the whole of the Ukraine at Rovno is now directly threatened by the Russian advance. The German bastions in the Ukraine are beginning to fall like nine pins, and the storming of Berdichev has opened the way for a swift extension of the broad Soviet spearhead west of the city which threatens the important German communications centre of Shepetovka and further on the Rovno headquarters of Hitler's general commissariat for administering the Ukraine. The Russians are already only some fifteen miles north-east of Shepetovka which is the junction of lines from Odessa and places remote in the German rear. The loss of Berdichev also means the collapse of the bastion holding up the drive from the north on Vinnitsa and Zhmerinka. South of Byelaya-Tserkov General Vatutin's tanks and mobile artillery are moving south and south-east in an hourly increasing treat to the German units based on the Dnieper town of Kanev.

Early to-day, these Soviet units were nearly forty miles south of Byelaya-Tserkov and had reached points due east of Vinnitsa. German communications are now smashed or threatened at all points, as a result of what Soviet Commentators described as the "poverty of German strategy and its weakness for cut and dried forms" As opposed to the skill and vigour of the Red Army, the big offensive aimed south is increasing the threat to the German forces in the bend. Soviet troops pressing on west of the Kiev Bulge in pre-war Poland have taken the river Sluch line and penetrated deep into Polesie in the direction of Sarny. Sarny is 35 miles west of the 1939 Polish frontier, and Polesie is the largest county of pre-war Poland bordering on White Russia. The river flows past Novograd Volinsk north-west, and then a few miles east of Sarny.

To the north of Nevel on the White Russia front, a whole series of German strong points are suddenly crumbled away and the steady Red Army push towards the rail junction of Novosocolniki is approaching a decisive stage. The Russians are less than five miles to the south of the town. The struggle here is often a question of grim individual clashes rather than a general advance. All over the Front persistent icing conditions are limiting flying, but the red airforce is resorting to "free patrols" by small groups of bombers and attack planes which rove at will.—Reuter.

Polish Underground Army To Co-operate With Reds

LONDON, Jan. 5

The Polish Government, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the London "Evening News" to-day, have sent official instructions to the underground movement in Poland not to oppose the entry of Russian troops.

The text of the Polish Government's statement reads. "In their victorious struggle against the German invader, the Soviet forces are reported to have crossed the frontier of Poland.

"The Polish nation, therefore, is entitled to expect full justice and redress as soon as it is set free from enemy occupation.

"It affirms its indestructible right to independence confirmed by the principles of the Atlantic Charter common to all United Nations and by binding international treaties.

Provisions of those treaties based on the free agreement of the parties, not on the enforcement of the will of one side to the detriment of the other, cannot be revised by accomplished facts.

The conduct of the Polish nation in the course of the present war has proved that it has never recognised and will not recognise solutions imposed by force.

"The Polish Government expects that the Soviet Union, sharing its view as to the importance of the future friendly relations between the two countries in the interests of peace and with the view of preventing German revenge, will not fail to respect the rights and interests of the Polish Republic and its citizens.

MADRAS, Jan. 6: It is understood that the first meeting of the newly-formed Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha will be held at Delhi on January 22 and 23.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

New York, Jan. 6.

Previous Closing	19.66
To-day's Opening	19.67
Difference	+01
To-day's Closing	19.83
Difference	+17

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Jan. 6.

The market generally continued firm round all sections and the volume of business was large and extensive. Government Securities were unchanged.

Followng are to-day's closing quotations:—

COTTONS: Bengal-Nagpur 38/4, Cawnpore Textiles 13/12, Elgin Mills 89.

COALS: Amalgamated 46/4, Bengal 588, Bokaro and Ramgur 33/8, Burrakur 28/14, East Indian 30/10, Equitable 53/12, West Jamuria 43/8.

JUTES: Bally 359, Anglo-India 408, Barnagore 178, Clive 31/4, Empire 36/2, Ft. Gloster 732, Gourepore 829, Howrah 66/12, Kamarhatty 576, Kankinarrah 490.

MISCELLANEOUS: Indian Iron and Steel 36/3, National Iron 12/9, Steel Corpn. ord 27/14, Alluminium Corpn. ord 16/14, B. I. Corpn ort 6/9, Rohtas Industry ord 33/6. Brit. Burma Petroleum 3/6, Burma Corpn. 3/14, Indian Copper 2/1.—A. P.

Jinnah Wobbling Over Main Issue

SUBBAROYAN URGES HIM TO MEET MAHATMA FOR SETTLEMENT

MADRAS, January 6.

"If Mr. Jinnah is really anxious about Pakistan", says Dr. P. Subbaroyan in a statement. "He will surely take the only course that could bring it about; that is, to ask the Government to let him meet Gandhiji for the settlement of the Hindu-Muslim tangle. Instead of facing this straight issue, he contents himself by saying that he is not able to take the initiative, as he does not know with whom he can negotiate."

"Mr. Jinnah merely echoes Mr. Amery when he says that Gandhiji can have his freedom, if he withdraws the resolution of August the 8th".

Dr. Subbaroyan continues: "The resolution wanted power to be transferred not to the Congress, but to the representatives of the Indian people. Whatever Mr. Jinnah may say, there is not a single word of threat to the Mussalmans in that resolution. Gandhiji and Pandit Jawaharlal and for the last year Mr. Rajagopalachariar have tried to bring about a settlement of the Hindu-Muslim problem. But Mr. Jinnah like the proverbial horizon recedes further, the nearer you get to him. Mr. Jinnah has said time and again that he stands for the Independence of India but on the basis of Pakistan and Hindustan. I thought he had realised that Pakistan could only come by a settlement. But his utterances do not prove that he is keen on such a settlement. Will he do this, or will he go on merely playing the game of hide and seek which he has done since the beginning of this war. We have complained that the British Government is always too late; but I am afraid Mr. Jinnah is following the same programme, as the British Government of trying to bargain and wanting a settlement when it is too late."—A. P

Death Of Consul For Monaco

The "Chronicle" regrets to announce the death of Khan Bahadur H. S. Mahomed, Consul for Monaco, by heart-failure.

The late Khan Bahadur was a leading Merchant of Bombay. Born in 1894, he started his own business in 1918. He was nominated twice on Municipality, D. L. B. and School Board in Bombay Suburban Area, and was also appointed Hon. Magistrate at Andheri and at Bandra. In 1932, the title of Khan Bahadur was conferred on him by the Government, and later on, he was conferred by His Majesty Leopold III King of the Belgians with the decoration of Knight of the Order of the Crown of Belgium. In 1936, the Czechoslovak Government conferred upon him the Insignia of Order of the White Lion. He was appointed Vice-President of the International Exhibition of Paris in 1937, and in the same year was appointed Consul for Monaco.

The deceased leaves behind him an aged mother, widow 3 sons and 3 daughters and a great circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

R. A. F. Bomb Stettin

German Supply Centre For Russian Front

LONDON, Jan. 6

The R.A.F. last night heavily bombed the Baltic port of Stettin in bright moonlight. It is officially announced Mosquitoes bombed Berlin, Western Germany and Northern France. 15 aircraft are missing from the night's operations.

Reuter's air correspondent writes:—The assault on Stettin shows that the British bomber command are faithfully pursuing their policy of going back to shattered cities and carrying out Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris's promise that the forty cities essential to Germany's war efforts will be emasculated. Stettin is linked to Berlin by a ship canal and has been recognised as a supply and embarkation centre for the Russian front.

Smashing of Stettin represents one more vital blow by the British Bomber Command on behalf of the Russian armies.

Arsenal And Shipyard Destroyed

STOCKHOLM: An arsenal and the Deutsche works—an important naval shipyard—at Kiel were almost completely destroyed in yesterday's American daylight raid, according to reports reaching the "Afton Tidningen" to-day.

Alerts At Copenhagen

LONDON: The German Controlled Danish Radio said that Copenhagen had two alerts early this morning. Anti-aircraft guns went into action.—Reuter.

Rommel Completes Tour Of Holland

LONDON, Jan 6.

The German Overseas News Agency to-day quoted an official statement that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel has just completed a tour of Holland.—Reuter.

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BOMBAY GOVERNMENT TURNS DOWN CONGRESS MEMBERS' PETITION

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 6.

It is understood that the Government of Bombay have rejected the petition of about 200 four-anna Congress members of the City praying that the furniture, etc., of the local Congress House which was confiscated under the orders of the District Magistrate shoud be handed over back to them, as the furniture did not belong to the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee but to the Indian National Congress of which the signatories were the members.

The petition was addressed to the District Magistrate who forwarded to the Government which rejected the petitioners' request.—United Press.

Appeal Against Forfeiture Dismissed

PURI, Jan. 5.

The appeal preferred by Mr. Nagannath Misra, M.L.A., ex-Parliamentary Secretary, against the order of the Provincial Government for forfeiture of Congress money amounting to Rs. 2,100 odd has been dismissed by the Sessions Judge of Gunjam-Puri.—A. P.

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SALE OF "BARWHEAT" IN BOMBAY

Bombay has recently received large supplies of barley from overseas. Our limited stocks of wheat can be stretched out by mixing them with some of this barley. Barley has always been a familiar foodgrain in Northern India and experiments made in Bombay show that barley flour mixes well with wheat flour. If the proportion of barley is not too high it is difficult to distinguish between the taste of chapatis, puris and even baker's bread made from the mixed flour and that of all-wheat products. The proportion of one unit of barley to three units of wheat is found to be suitable.

Government has, therefore, decided that from the 9th of this month wheat will not be sold by itself in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District rationed areas. It will be available only in conjunction with barley in the proportion of 3 units of wheat to 1 unit of barley. This mixture will be known as "barwheat" and will be sold at a uniform retail price of annas 14 per paili.

Card-holders can draw their entire ration in "barwheat." They can also buy barley by itself at the rate of annas 8 per paili. As barley is somewhat lighter than the other cereals a card-holder drawing his entire ration in barley will be entitled to an additional allowance of barley equal to 25 per cent. of his ration.

From the 16th of this month all baker's bread will also be made from barwheat flour and similarly only barwheat flour will be available at the flour mills.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Jan. 6.—The following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 2/1/44:—

Allahabad	78	51	0.	BOMBAY	85 68 0.
Calcutta	85	56	0.	Cawnpore	75 45 0.
Cuttack	86	56	0.	Darjeeling	49 34 0.
Delhi	72	41	0.	Dehra Dun	67 40 0.
Jacobabad	76	46	0.	Karachi	78 57 0.
Lahore	71	37	0.	Lucknow	79 46 0.
Madras	82	67	0.	Nagpur	81 54 0.
Peshawar	69	41	0.	Patna	79 53 0.
Shillong	68	36	0.	Simla	44 32 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Neither be overweening in thy affluence; nor in thy calamities give way to despondence and self-abasement.—Plato.

The Bombay Chronicle

MUSLIM POLITICS

"Muslim Politics" is the title of a most interesting pamphlet written by Prof. Humayun Kabir and published by Gupta, Rahman and Gupta, Calcutta (pages 50; price Re. 1). Prof. Kabir is a professor of English in the Calcutta University, an author who has to his credit a life of Sarat Chandra Chaterjee, the famous Bengali novelist, and a book of poems, a member of the Bengal Legislative Council and a leading member of the Proja Party. Being thus a man of letters as well as of affairs, he is eminently fitted to write dispassionately on the subject of Muslim politics. His pamphlet purports to be an attempt to describe some phases of Muslim politics of the present century, "as affected by the rise, maturity and—might one say?—disintegration of the Muslim League." "Disintegration" is a curious term, at least apparently, to describe the latest phase of the League's politics. Yet when one reads through the book, one discovers in the present position of the League certain trends which, if they continue, must militate against the continuance of the League as the champion of the Muslim masses.

With an analytical power, rare in such pamphlets, the author accurately describes the inter-relations between the Congress and the League and between the League and other Muslim bodies like the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-Hind, the Ahrar Party of the Punjab, the Proja Party of Bengal, the Azad Muslim Conference, the Khaksar movement, the Shia Conference, the Khudai Khidmatgars, and the Momin Conference. In explaining the many disputes between the Congress and the League he studiously attempts to hold the scales even between the two bodies; but his much-can-be-said-on-both-sides manner may sometimes not convince either. The author opposes Pakistan on the ground, among others, that "Indian Muslims can survive only by a spirit of expansion and growth", a spirit which is lacking in "the attempt to withdraw within narrow shelters." With regard to the present position of the League the author's views are at least original. He says: "Externally, the League is more powerful than perhaps at any time in its history, but its internal strength is hardly in keeping with external appearances. For one thing, all its strength is derived from its condemnation of the actions and the policies of the Congress, and the community is bound to tire of this unceasing litany of hate. For another, the survival of old parties, the emergence of new ones, and the appearance of fissures within the structure of the League itself will divert the energies of the community from mere negative condemnation to positive programmes for social amelioration and welfare." In a postscript written in June 1943 the author says that since the death of Sir Sikandar and the murder of Mr. Alla Baksh there has been "a revolting transformation in the programme and policy of the League". He adds: "It has thrown off all pretence of working for the welfare of Indian Muslims or the independence of India and stands revealed as a coterie of vested interests who are prepared to serve the behests of British imperialism for personal or party gains." This is perhaps an undeserved comment. But it cannot be denied that the indiscriminate opposition to Congress, the only big institution fighting against imperialism, is driving many Muslim leaders into the arms of the Imperialists and against their own countrymen. If Prof. Kabir's book compels Muslims to think independently, as we are sure it will, it will do them and the country an invaluable service. It will also benefit serious non-Muslim students of Muslim politics.

"British Commonwealth —And The Empire"

The recurrence, in the King's Christmas broadcast, of the expression 'the British Commonwealth and the Empire"—a phrase which was first used by the Premier, Mr. Churchill, to describe the territories owing allegiance to the British Crown and which one has noticed being subsequently mouthed with meticulous carefulness by other British statesmen, including Messrs. Anthony Eden and Leopold Amery—puts a seal as it were on the new designation which is to be officially employed in place of the designations like the "British Empire" or the "British Commonwealth of Nations" in currency up till now. It will not be too far-fetched a guess if it is suggested that this new designation has the deliberate imprimatur of the British Cabinet presided over by Mr. Churchill and that it may even have been suggested by this hierophant of British Imperialism himself.

Whoever is the author of the designation, it must be admitted that it admirably fits in with the relative positions of the self-governing Dominions like Canada, South Africa and Australia which are peopled mostly by whites and which cling round Great Britain as daughters round their mother, and of the motley crowd of dependencies, protectorates and what not, peopled by teeming millions of non-whites, who cannot be recognised even as step-daughters of the same 'mother." The appellation of "Commonwealth" appropriately describes the former group and "Empire" the latter. India not being 'self-governing has no right to demand inclusion among the privileged members of the "Commonwealth" and has to rest content with her position among the non-descript crowd who compose the "Empire." The distinction between the 'Commonwealth" and the "Empire", which is being increasingly emphasized of late, has thus every appearance of being deliberately conceived by British Imperialist circles, whose idea of the co-operation between the two is doubtless one of subserviency of the latter to the former. The "Empire", too, will no doubt move forward with the 'Commonwealth' —but it will do so only because it is tied to the chariot-wheels of the latter.

Since the outbreak of the war several British statesman have repeated parrot-like General Smuts' declaration that the "British Empire is dead", but this high priest of racialism had evidently his tongue in his cheek when he uttered those words, for his own subsequent speeches on post-war world-order have utterly belied his words. Mr. Churchill has also declared from the house-top as it were, for the whole world to hear, that the British Empire is not going to be liquidated and that Britain is determined to maintain its hold on what it has. The new designation which is being put into currency assiduously goes only to confirm the recently re-oriented policy of British imperialists.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Bittor Resistance In Italy

In spite of the ominous developments on the Polish border—or because of them—the German resistance on the Italian front is getting all the more stiff and bitter. Marshal Kesselring has thrown ten divisions into the battle of the coastal sector and the first task that awaits General Leese, the successor of Montgomery, is to deal with the delaying, last-ditch strategy which the Germans are following. There is a sound reason for adopting that strategy for Kesselring realizes too well that if once Leese gets astride the highway to Rome, the entire German line will be rolled back to a considerable extent. Though General Montgomery declared the other day that he was satisfied with the progress on the Italian front, that feeling may be shared by his opposite, too. The longer the Allies take to reach Rome, the more time the Germans will gain to complete their defence preparations in northern Italy. And that bids fair to be the real Fatherland line for the Nazis and what remains of the Fascists—unless the Allies strike somewhere else in the near future.

Russia's New Offensive

The Red Army under General Vatutin, is steadily hammering its way in every sector of the Ukrainian front. West of the Olevsk-Novograd-Volinsk sector, it has penetrated further beyond the Polish border and is heading towards Sarny. In the Southern sector, it has captured Berdichev and is pushing ahead towards the Rumanian border. In the sector south of Kiev, Russian troops, after storming Byelaya-Tserkov, are surging forward in a 40 mile deep advance towards Cherkassy, digging their left pincers further into the massed Nazi divisions in the bend of the Dnieper. Not content with the deadly blows thus being delivered at the Germans in all these sectors, the Red Army has launched a new offensive on the White Russian front west of Propoisk. German sources indicate that the attack has been delivered somewhere between Mogilev and Rogachev. Whether this new offensive is merely a diversion created to lessen the German pressure on other fronts or whether it has its own independent objective will be revealed in the next few days. At any rate, the Nazis who have their hands already full in various other sectors of the far-flung Russian front will find in this new offensive an additional source of serious worry.

Treatment Of Detenus

Some leaders of Madras have submitted to the Local Government a memorial urging the release of detenus and humane treatment to such as cannot for any reason be released. Many such memorials and appeals have been made in the past to provincial and Central Governments but so far the response has been most inadequate and there are still thousands in detention, who are neither given a trial nor given humane treatment. To jail breadwinners of families and then deny the latter the barest means of sustenance, not to permit them interviews or to permit them but to send the prisoners far from their provinces as they have done in Madras are devices which show how low Governments can fall.

Revival Of 'Tarun Bharat'

By reviving 'Tarun Bharat' as a daily newspaper in Marathi at Nagpur from January 2, the Abhyankar Memorial Committee have not only hit upon a suitable memorial to one of India's brave and self-sacrificing patriots, the late Mr. M. V. Abhyankar, but have also met a long-felt need of Central India. There are three English and two Hindi dailies at Nagpur but none in Marathi. About twelve years ago, Mr. Abhyankar himself started a Marathi weekly called 'Tarun Bharat' but it ceased publication after some time. In its new life as a daily, it will have Mr. G. T. Madholkar as its Editor. Mr. Madholkar is a much esteemed man in the Marathi literary and journalistic world. We wish this new venture all success.

BENGAL TRAGEDY

The following lines from Ebenezer Elliott, the Corn-Law poet, will interest your readers at the present food crisis.

"When wilt Thou save the People?
Oh God of Mercy—when?
The People, Lord—the People!
Not Thrones and Crowns, but men."

"Flowers of Thy heart, Oh God, are they.
Let them not pass like weeds away,
Their heritage a sunless day,
God save the people!"

V. R. JAYAWANT

Plight Of Unsuccessful Law Students

His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay abolished in the year 1941 its Advocates' examination. The examination was used to be held twice a year and the candidates could pass it by parts. There are now 140 candidates who have passed it in either of the two parts of this examination and the discontinuance of the examination has naturally handicapped their future career. The High Court would be doing justice to these unfortunate and unsuccessful candidates if, by deciding to hold this examination for 'four' more occasions, it affords these candidates an opportunity to complete their course.

K. M. URANKAR.

Cinema Tickets

On Sunday afternoon, I along with my family went to see a picture at the Imperial Theatre. On reaching the booking office at 3-45 p.m., the usual placard "House Full" was seen, but to my surprise I noticed that a gang of about half a dozen persons were selling tickets outside the booking office at exorbitant rates such as for nine anna ticket a rupee was demanded and for fourteen annas two rupees. I saw a police constable sitting inside the theatre gate whom I beckoned to come out and asked whether the sale of tickets in this manner was permissible? He replied in the negative but did not attempt to arrest the profiteers who seeing him talk to me quietly bolted for sometime and returned again after the policeman retired to some other place. Since the profiteering is done under the very nose of the management it amazes me to see that they do not appear to take any measures to stop this profiteering.

Therefore, in the interest of the public will the management see that this complaint is immediately remedied with the co-operation of the police who I understand will give every help in the matter.

(Mrs.) K. S. MISTRY.

Bombay, Dec. 6.

U. K. C. C. Chief's Appeal To U. S. Big Business

Making World Safe For Anglo-American Exploitation

LONDON, Jan. 6: Addressing the Association of the British Chambers of Commerce, Sir Francis Joseph, Acting Chairman of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, pleaded that the development of goodwill between the British and the United States commercial communities be not handicapped by harbouring needless suspicions. "Let us ignore political clamour either at home or abroad. During the Presidential election campaign in the United States, appeals may be made to private interests about which American manufacturers may be seriously concerned, but when the dust and noise of the Presidential campaign is over, both American and British businessmen will realise that each has a job to do in re-establishing the world on a sound economic basis."

Sir Joseph mentioned that the United States paid the U.K.C.C. the compliment of creating a similar organisation, the United States Commercial Company, which co-operates to fullest extent with the U.K.C.C. as "buddies"

The U. S. C. C. occupy the same offices and avoid bidding against one another for materials which both need.

The U. S. C. C. have free access to U. K. C. C. books and methods.

Sir Francis Joseph recalled that Britain before Lend Lease had to obtain funds by exporting and the U. K. C. C. established a branch in South America which held buffer stocks from which importers could draw. When Germany was combing the world for woollen goods to clothe her armies in Russia, we got ahead of them, and cleaned everything out of Spain. We adopted the same policy in Turkey".

Sir Francis Joseph also recalled the Corporations' successes in organising civilian supplies to Russia and Middle Eastern countries.

The Corporation used private trade wherever possible, Sir Francis Joseph emphasied that the U. K. C. C. is only a war-time organisation and is a Commercial Corporation not a Government Department, although the Government is the sole shareholder and the Corporation must sometimes perform non-commercial transactions. The Directors believe that private enterprise can render a great service after the war, and want to get back to their own jobs, but Sir Francis Joseph opined that after the war, decontrol of industry and commerce must be gradual rather than sudden, and the Corporations' post-war role must depend on what the Government then wants it do in accordance with post-war Inter-Allied Co-operation

U. S. Indian Relief Committee Given Official Approval

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (By Cable.)

The War Relief Control Board, established by President Roosevelt to supervise privately financed war relief activities in foreign countries, announced that the India Famine Relief Committee of New York City has been approved as the central agency for channeling American contributions to India relief.

The Board, of which Joseph E. Davies, former U. S. Ambassador to Russia and author of "Mission to Moscow" is chairman, said that the Committee had fulfilled all the requirements of registration. Initially, its activities will be financed by the National War Fund.

"For the time being," the Board's announcement continued, "supplies and other aid and assistance for which shipping and distribution facilities can be obtained for the relief of the people of India, will be primarily for those suffering from the recent famine situation there".—U. S. O. W. I.

India And International Monetary Conference

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6.

The Washington report of a proposal to hold an International Monetary Conference has aroused interest, but is treated with some amount of reserve in the absence of official intimation or invitation so far to the Government of India. It is pointed out, however, that the subject of a future world monetary system in relation to India's economy and commerce has been under examination here, and it is recalled that the Finance Member has made it clear in the Assembly in reply to questions that the Government of India are committed in no way to any of the schemes discussed at earlier International Conferences and that an early opportunity would be given to the Legislature as well as to the non-official public to express themselves on any concrete proposals that might find favour.

Official examination of the different schemes in the field is expected to be carried to a further stage at the meeting of the policy committee of the post-war reconstruction committee in the middle of this month.—A. P.

U. S. Presidential Citation

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6.

What is believed to be the 1st Presidential citation of a non-combatant force has been received by the India China Wing of the Air Transport Command for exceptionally outstanding performance in the face of almost insurmountable odds in moving vast quantities of vital military supplies by air into China.

The citation came in the form of a radiogram from the President to Lieutenant-General Joseph W Stilwell, Theatre Commander, who was directed to present it to Brigadier-General Earl S. Hoag, Commanding-General of the Wing.

The citation said that the President had been informed of the amount of vital supplies the command had transported over the North Burma "Hump" of the Himalayas into China during the month of December, and that the President considered this "an exceptionally outstanding performance and a source of great satisfaction to me".—A. P.

Burning Of Gurudwara In N. W. F. P.

PESHAWAR, Jan. 5.

After his return from Haripur where he went to study the real situation Sardar Ajit Singh, P.W.D. Minister said: "I am filled with despair to know that such a lamentable incident occurred at Haripur. Burning the Gurudwara was the most heinous offence ever committed in the Frontier Province and Government are doing their best to bring the culprits to book. I am of opinion that it is the result of some conspiracy to create split among different communities of this Province and thus defame the Ministry and we are out to unearth the conspiracy.—Orient Press.

"PROBLEM OF BALTIC STATES, RUSSIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR"

MOSCOW, Jan. 6.

Mr. Wendell Willkie is strongly criticised in to-day's 'Pravda' for raising the question of the future status of countries on the Soviet Union's border such as Finland, Poland and the Baltic states, says a message from Reuters special correspondent.

He is accused of trying to run with the hares and hunt with the hounds in an article by Zaslavsky under the heading "Willkie muddies the water".

The 'Pravda' attack is a reply to a New Year article Mr. Willkie wrote in the 'New York Times' on December 31.

The 'Pravda' says that Mr. Willkie's article under the title, "Dont create distrust in Russia" at first glance appears to create the impression that it is dictated by friendly feelings towards Russia.

"A huge majority of the American people stand for strong friendship with the Soviet Union", says the 'Pravda', "and because many readers are electors, their confidence is at the same time the confidence of the voters."

The 'Pravda' cites Mr. Willkie's words at the end of his article: "The majority of our people in the depth of their souls instinctively recognise the significance of Russia for the future well-being of the United States. The majority of our people do not want to use the Russian problem in the political game".

On that passage the 'Pravda' comments: "From these words it follows clearly that political gamblers who want to utilise the "Russian problem" and cause distrust in the Soviet Union cannot count on the votes of the majority of the American people.

It seems evident that Mr. Willkie does not approve of such a political game. He evidently wants to win the confidence of the majority of the American people and this can be achieved by strenghtening confidence in the Soviet Union"

"Imagine an American reader who read only the headline and the last words of Mr. Willkie's article", says the 'Pravda'. "He would have the impression that the author was a man flatly opposed to any suspicious political gamblers who play with the 'Russian problem' and who show more sleight of hand than frankness in thought But there are not many simpleminded readers who only read the headlines and the signature.

"An American reader who is interested in the whole article by Mr. Wilkie will be surprised when he reads the following sentence: 'Everyone is, of course, concerned in one of the most important questions—the question What does Russia intend to do respecting the Baltan States?"

The 'Pravda' says to this, "It is time to understand that the so-called question of the Baltic States is an internal affair of the Soviet Union in which Mr. Willkie should not interfere.

"Anyone who is interested in such a question should refer to the Soviet constitution and democratic plebiscites which have already been carried out in those Republics and let him remember that we know how to protect our constitution.

"As for Finland and Poland without even mentioning the Balkan States, the Soviet Union knows how to deal with them and does not need Mr. Willkie's help there."

The 'Pravda' says that among the welter of words written to strengthen confidence. "There is the rotten smell of the familiar anti-Soviet slander. Mr Willkie is reproducing suspicious cries from those reactionary groups who are afraid of the victorious advance of the Red Army and the armies of the Allies. Mr Willkie talks about some crisis approaching the United States. Is this not a politica[illegible] kind?"

U. S. Reactions

NEW YORK, Jan. 6: The strong attack made by the 'Pravda' on Mr. Wendell Willkie for his remarks on the Soviet frontiers is regarded in Washington as a warning to Britain and the United States to keep their hands off Poland and other states whose borders the Red Army is nearing, says a Washington despatch to the "New York Times".

"The synchronising of the attack with the reaching of the Polish border is not lost upon observers here. It is no secret that Washington did not like over much the Soviet-Czech Pact, as it is not looked upon as being in line with an overall system of international security", the despatch added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wendell Willkie is surprised at the strong attack made on him by the 'Pravda', as he regarded his article as friendly towards Russia.—Reuter.

Cairo Report Denied

LONDON, Jan. 6: The Czechoslovak Press Bureau to-night officially denied a News Agency report from Cairo—not carried by Reuter—that President Benes told the Czech colony there that Russia and Czechoslovakia would have common frontiers, that Russia intended to regain Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina and possibly take some territory from Hungary as well and that Dr. Benes and Marshal Stalin had agreed that all Germans must be expelled from the Sudetenland.

The statement added 'The Czechoslovak Press Bureau has been authorised categorically to deny the accuracy of that agency report which imputes to Dr. Benes' statements which he could not have made."—Reuter.

DR. BENES BACK IN LONDON

LONDON, Jan. 6: The Czechoslovak President, Dr. Eduard Benes arrived back in London to-day from a visit to Moscow.

Dr. Benes was accompanied by the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador in Czechoslovakia M. Lebedev. During his return journey Dr. Benes had stopped at Teheran where he officially visited the Shah of Persia, also Algiers to meet the French National Committee.

Our Surat Correspondent wires to say: "Three waggons of coal are arriving for Surat Supply Waterworks due to the efforts of the Municipal authorities but this stock is quite insufficient because Surat requires ten waggons per month just because the Municipality has decided to purchase 12,000 firewood (sic) prices of the latter have gone higher.

CONTROL OF PULSES

Order Will Be In Force From Next Rabi Crop

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6

It is reported that the Food Department of the Government of India has decided to bring the distribution of pulses (dhals) under control with effect from the next 'rabi' crop. The main dhals are Urd, Moong, Tur or Arhar and Masur. While the first two are 'Kharif' the others are 'rabi' crops. No statistics regarding acreage and yields or trade movement figures are available for dhals separately, but the approximate estimate of the yield for the 11 provinces in India, last year, was about three million tons. U. P. produces, all varieties of dhals, Bombay and C. P., Tur, while other areas grow all the more important varieties.—A. P.

Kharif Grain Conference In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6.

The Kharif Grain Conference which has been called to examine what further progress can be made to introduce Statutory Price Control for rice, bajra and jawar in all the provinces and to determine what the maximum prices should be and to what extent existing differences between provincial prices can be reduced or eliminated began here this morning. Sir J. P. Srivastava presided.

After the President's opening remarks the Conference set up three Sub-Commitees representing the different regions. The recommendations of the Sub-Committees are expected to be considered by the Government of India this afternoon.—A. P.

Ban On Export Of Onions

In order to conserve the supplies of onions available in the Province, the Bombay Government has prohibited the export of onions to places ouside the limits of the Province except under a licence.

Haj Committee's Recommendations For Facilities To Pilgrims

Some of the recommendations made by the Rahim report with regard to the provision of facilities for Haj pilgrims were supported by the conference of representatives of the Central Haj Committee, the Port Haj Committees, the shipping companies and advisers of the Government of India, which concluded its sitting on Thursday. Dr. N. B Khare presided.

These recommendations included the provision of berthed accommodation on pilgrim ships, the provision of a baggage room, the appointment of a baggage master, the provision of a ladies' dressing room, the provision of four latrines of three feet by three for every hundred passengers, and the provision of washing platforms with fresh water.

The Conference also made certain other recommendations affecting the Port and Provincial Haj Committees. It recommended the construction of a Musafir-khana for Haj pilgrims in Calcutta and the appointment of a permanent Haj Officer with the Government of India.

Dr. Khare To Visit Kolhapur

MIRAJ, Jan. 6: Dr. N. B. Khare, Overseas Member, Government of India, will arrive at Kolhapur on January 8 to inaugurate a Polish Camp at Kolhapur. Dr. Khare will be the guest of Mr. E. W. Perry, Prime Minister of Kolhapur. He will proceed to Madras the same day.—United Press.

KHAKSARS RETURNING HOME: "PURPOSE DEFEATED BY BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER"

CALCUTTA, Jan. 6.

Khaksars who came to Bengal to render help to famine destitutes, have decided to walk back to their homes in Sind as a protest against the attitude of the Bengal Government, says the Hakim-E-Ala of the Khaksars in Bengal, in a statement.

Explaining this, the Hakim-E-Ala says that the Khaksars who came to do relief work "find the purpose of the heavy sacrifices they made in their business and educational activities defeated by the Government of Bengal cancelling its agreement with them without notice and for no reason. The Chief Minister has even declined to pay them fare for the return journey. They have, with a heavy heart, therefore, decided as a protest to walk back to their homes in Sind."—A. P.

Discharged For Want Of Evidence

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Chief Presidency Magistrate, ordered to be discharged, to-day, Mr. Stanley Dias, Publicity Officer of the Strand Cinema, Mr. Keki Adurji Randeria, booking clerk, and two watchmen of the theatre who had been arrested on a charge of assault and robbery and released on bail on December 22.

The arrest was a sequel to a complaint made by an Air Force Officer's servant that he had been assaulted by the four men and that a sum of Rs. 20 had been taken from him.

The Colaba Police, in making the application for their discharge, stated that inquiries made showed that there was insufficient evidence to place them on a charge sheet.

Govind Deshmukh On Status Of Indian Women

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Addressing a meeting of Hindu women at Laxmi Baug this evening, Mr. Govind V. Deshmukh, M.L.A., (Central), put in a plea that urgent reforms for improving the status of Hindu women should not be postponed on the ground that the legislation undertaken in this connection is piecemeal. Mr. Deshmukh explained the aims of the Sagotra Marriage Bill standing in his name.

The Hon. Dr. N. B. Khare who presided said that it was necessary to change laws according to the customs prevailing at the present time.

Toll Of Bengal Destitutes

CALCUTTA, Jan. 6

Nineteen sick destitutes died yesterday in various hospitals in Calcutta and the suburbs. There were 15 new admissions, and eleven such persons were discharged from the hospitals during the day.—A. P.

Cotton Merchants' Conference

KARACHI, January 6.

It is learnt that the Cotton Piecegoods Merchants of various centres in India have convened a conference to discuss the situation arising out of the orders of the Government with regard to the stamping of pre-August cloth stocks and other matters affecting the dealers.

The conference will meet in Bombay on January 15. The Karachi Piecegoods Merchants' Association is sending its representatives to this Conference.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

The only Ministerial reaction to Mr. R. G. Casey's appointment as Governor of Bengal and to comments from India has come so far from Mr. Edward Ward in his capacity as Minister of External Territories, who said that he appreciated the objection raised to the appointment by prominent Indians.

In spite of the arguments about Mr. Casey's wide experience fitting him for this post, his knowledge of Indian affairs could not be compared with that possessed by a great number of educated Indians.

—Reuter.

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According to Mr. Ward the "Australian Labour's support for White Australia policy had never been based on any claim of racial superiority"

We are afraid Mr. Ward is trying our credulity.. Also he is trying to paint White Black!

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The Australian Labour Party, he said, adopted restricted immigration for economic reasons.

Funny, isn't it, that such restrictions "for economic reasons" always apply to non-Whites?

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Says Mr. Jinnah:...

"All the Hindu organisations have got one aim and objective as against Muslim India, namely, how they can torpedo Pakistan and jam in some system of Government immediately, which will so tie up and tie down the Mussalmans as to make it impossible for them later on to press the Pakistan issue."

This is really unfair. One can't put a torpedo in the Muslim League jam and then tie up as well as tie down the Mussalmans!

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WHY BOMBAY MUST EAT BARWHEAT

—Headline.

Because it must! Is there any other reason?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Wendell Willkie is the American Communist Party's nominee for the next presidential election in U.S.A.

(2) As one Shahjehanpur family has claimed the distinction of having one dozen Khan Bahadurs, the Hindu loyalists are searching for a family with thirteen Rai (or Rao or Dewan) Bahadurs.

(3) "How many Khan (or Rai or Rao or Dewan) Bahadurs in your family?" will henceforward become a common question to ask when two people are introduced for the first time.

(4) Government will now start a regular campaign: "Grow More Khan (or Rai or Rao or Dewan) Bahadurs".

(5) The only reason why Mr. Jinnah does not negotiate is that he cannot find anyone to negotiate with.

(6) The Government, however, is always anxious to negotiate with him if none else is forthcoming.

"FRESH FIELDS"

Ivor Novello's play "Fresh Fields" ought to have really drawn packed houses, but strange enough, it didn't on the first night. Perhaps, it was due to lack of advance publicity or it might be it wasn't sufficiently advertised.

It is quite a refreshing show and Bombayites with a penchant for dramas must not miss it. Adi Murzban, the producer deserves profuse congratulations for the excellent production.

The Bombay Players who comprise a brilliant cast have put up the play at the St. Xavier's College Hall, Cruickshank Road, under the distinguished patronage of the Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville, Major-General E. G. R. G. Alban, Commodore A. R. Rattray and Air Commodore F. J. Vincent.

The play centres round a newrich Australian family which gate-crashes into top-class English society. It is a battle of wits between upstarts and seasoned aristocrats. The result is natural humour kills empty snobbery in the end, when members of the pauper aristocratic English family are won over by the opulence of the Australian intruders. It's a clear case of "Money makes the mare go."

Govt. Amends Bombay Rent Restriction Order

Some months ago an amendment was made in the Bombay Rent Restriction Order for the purpose of checking the practice of tenants subletting their accommodation at exorbitant rates—a practice which not only defeated to this extent the purpose of the order, but was also injurious to the interests of landlords.

It has now come to the notice of the Government that this amendment has in certain instances enabled landlords to attempt to eject tenants wishing to sub-let accommodation which they would have been entitled to sub-let but for the existence of this amendment and without any view of deriving profit.

A further amendment has therefore been made by which such sub-letting will be possible provided intimation is given to the landlord and the rent charged does not exceed the standard rent.

United States Sending Dried Milk And Vitamins To India

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.

The Red Cross announced that it will soon ship half a million pounds of evaporated milk and almost two million multi-vitamin tablets for the victims of the famine in India.

The announcement said that the shipment of milk represented the equivalent of one million quarts and that the vitamin tablets will be sufficient for 10,000 children for three months.—U.S.O.W.I.

Swimming Gala At C. C. I.

To-day's (Friday's) and to-morrow's (Saturday's) Gala at the Cricket Club of India pool, among the Service personnel who will be taking part are Randall, Johnson, Newton, Naylor and Mason, who between them either hold or have held at least eight English County championships, and on the civilian side there are Hollo and Thanawalla, who are, of course, established Bombay favourites On Saturday night the programme will include a full Olympic Games test of springboard diving, the first time this will have been performed in India, and that is only one of the many first-class displays that will be seen.

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CITY MARKETS

SHARES:—The Bombay Stock Exchange opened firm to-day with moderate general buying and prices moved up. After the early rise there was moderate amount of realising and prices reacted from early high levels. Particularly Steel shares managed a good improvement. Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1.972 and advanced to Rs. 1,980 but reacted to Rs. 1.965 while Ordinary shares were steady at Rs. 397, Bombay Dyeings opened at

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

T. S. Ord. (394) 398 98-8 97-8 88 96; T. S. Dfd. (1945) 1955 77 72 80 77 82 72 60 57 62; Dyeing (2.046-4) 2.055 51 67 57 63 50 37 52 50; Century (984) 990 87 91 88 89 80 78 83; Kohinoor (640) 644 43 45 47 43 45 40. Swadesh (617) 620 21 17 20 15; Nagpur (476) 477 78 75 76 73 74; Simplex (290) 293 94 92 90; New Great (467) 470 75 71 68; Finlay (363) 364 62 64 60; New India 94 92-12; Scindia 38-2 38 38-2 37-12; Dena Invest. Trust 29-6 29-8; Tata Chemical 33-2 32-14. Tata Oil 89 90.

Rs. 2.055 and advanced to Rs. 2.065 but reacted to Rs. 2.045. Century shares were quoted at Rs. 985 and Kohinoor shares were done at Rs. 642. Government securities ruled very steady. Dena Investment shares were in demand at Rs. 29/8.

The market was very steady.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold Was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. Record sales of Gold to the extent of 1,90,000 tolas by the Bank were repored to-day at Rs. 71-2. Earlier sales were reported about only one lac tolas which were construed as a bullish factor and ready Gold advanced to Rs. 71-6. But later on further sales were made and ready declined to Rs. 71-1. Those who bought Bank's Gold to-day were inclined to part with it even at a loss of one anna. The Silver market under manipulation by professional operators advanced to Rs. 118-12 but later quietened at Rs. 117-12. Considerable speculative activity continues with wild price movement.

The market ruled steady throughout the day. Closing quotations. Ready Silver Rs. 121-8, delivery Rs. 118. Ready Gold Rs. 71-2, delivery Rs. 70-11. Sovereigns Rs. 49-2.

COTTON: The local market opened very steady under the influence of firmness of Silver market but there being no following on the buying side, prices assumed sagging tendency.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY

All markets will remain closed on Friday the 7th inst., being "Muharrum" a Mahomedan Holiday.

March delivery opened at Rs. 481 and after improving to Rs. 481-8 declined to Rs. 479-8 under moderate liquidation. January was quoted at Rs. 484 and May option stood at Rs. 479. Tone was quietly steady.

The market ruled quiet and after touching Rs. 476 for March the market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—
I C C January Rs. 481, I C C March Rs. 475-12, I C C May Rs. 475-12, I C C July Rs. 480.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton January contract is below New York January 120 cent point's at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES.
Bombay, Jan. 5.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I. C. C. January	486	482-8	484
I. C. C. March	481	477	478-12
I. C. C. May	481	477	478-12

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Jan. 5.
Jany 19.62+06, March 19.66+08, May 19.40+10, July 19.13+11, October 18.86+13, December 18.75+14. March highest 19.67+09 (2-50 p.m.), lowest 19.53—05 (10-10 a.m.). Middling Spot 20.53+08.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
January 19.66+07, March 79.78+97, May 19.53+07, July 19.27+09. Middling Spot 19.67+07.

NEW YORK COTTON.
Noon Call.
March 19.60, May 19.34, July 19.07.

HAPUR MARKET.
HAPUR, Jan. 5.
Wheat fine 11-8, Average 11, arrivals. Little stock 187, Khattis Gram 10, Peas 6-8, Barley 6-8. Markets Steady Maize 7-8, Bajra 7-8, Gur 5-12, Fine 6-4, Arrivals 5,000 Mds. very unsteady stocks rapidly increasing Arhar 7-10, Urad Maha 9-5-9, Moong 9-4-9, futures opened lower on cloudy weather and barish liquidations stocks very heavy exports nil Guwar Fagan 5-13-6, Bardana Chet 55-10.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

	Ready Old	Delivery Contract Ready New	New Jany.
Khandesh Jarilla	340/370	440/65	470/75
Berar Jarilla	370/380	470/75	470/75
4 F Roller	475/500		540/50
280 F Roller	550/590		662/71
N. T Roller	525/560	635/40	632/38
289 F. Sawginned	580/610	720/25	710/20

COTTON ROOM RATES
Bombay, Jan 6.

	Extra Spr.-fine	Sup.	Fine	F. Good
Jarilla	505	495	488	483
N. T. Sind-America	645	640	635	630
N. T. Sawgin	680	675	670	665

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Posh Shud 12, 2000
Muslim: Muharram 10, 1363
Parsi: Amardad 5, 1313
Sunrise: 8-16 a.m., Sunset 7-14 p.m.
Hightide: 9-38, 23-00, Lowtide: 4-12, 15-58.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

MAHOMED:—Khan Bahadur H. S. Mahomed—Consul for Monaco—died of heart-failure at Jaora. Funeral at 2-30 p.m. (N. S. T.) from his residence, Manomed Building, 39, Pydhowni Road, Khadak, Bombay, 9.

To-day's Engagements

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 15 (Sewri-Naigaum) will meet near the Junction of Tripartite Road and Sewri New Road tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a.m. (B T) 8-30 a.m. (S T) to go round the Ward.

THE MATUNGA ATHLETIC CLUB: Public reception to Prof. K V Iyer, Physical Culturist of Bangalore today (Friday) at 9-30 a.m. (N S T) at the Asthika Samaj Hall, Near King's Circle, Matunga.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Theosophy and the Masters" from "The Ocean of Theosophy" by W Q Judge. Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain today (Friday) 6-15 p.m.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: Dae Mah Jashan celebration at Petit Fazill Atashkadan today (Friday) at 5-30 p.m. Jashan ceremony at 6-30 p.m. Dasturji Bode will give a lecture on "What ought to be the Beliefs of a modern Zarathushtrian."

Ramana Jayanti At Matunga

The 64th birthday of Sri Ramana Maharishi will be celebrated by Ramana Satchidananda Samaj from Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th inst., at Bhuta Nivas, Matunga (G. I. P.) The programme for the week consists of Bhajans, concerts and religious discourses by eminent scholars. The brochure issued by the Samaj authorities contains messages from Yogi Shuddhananda Bharati of Pondicherry, Ramdas of Ramnagar, Swami Sivananda Saraswati of Rikhikesh and Gajanan Maharaj.

No Visitors To Pakvasa

Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa is progressing fairly satisfactorily but the doctors have prohibited visitors for three days, as he requires complete rest

RATNAGAR PICTURES EXHIBITION

An exhibition of the pictorial photography by F R Ratnagar will be opened by Sir Homi Mehta today (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. at Sassoon Building Rampart Row. Proceeds to be devoted to "Save the Children Fund".

PAKISTAN CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Thursday.
A Pakistan Conference was held in Bhuj Mohalla last night. Maulana Zahur Ahmed Mugvi was in the cheir. Maulana Gulam Farid of Sialkot, Maulana Sibgatulla of Lucknow, Maulana Mohamed Ahmed Sabiri of Delhi and Maulana Mohamed Baksh Muslim of Lahore took part in the deliberations. Resolutions were passed against the recent threats of Allama Mashriqui to Mr Jinnah.

LATE MR. V. R. SHINDE

The Municipal Corporation adjourned on Thursday without transacting any business to the memory of the late Mr. V R Shinde, the well-known social worker. In absence of Mr M R Masani, the Mayor, Dr J A Collaco presided and read a letter from Mr Masani regretting his inability to attend two or three meetings of the Corporation as he was out of Bombay.
The House then adjourned till Monday next.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Jan. 6.
The Hon'ble Dr N. B Khare lunched at Government House.

Swami Ashimananda Saraswati expired on the night of 27th December at Jogendra Cottage, Jasidih, (Dooghar) Santhal Pargana, Bihar.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

It is somewhat difficult to review FRESH FIELDS as performed by the "Bombay Players" after having seen this Novello play in its original many years ago. It is equally difficult to swop a Braithwaite for a little nightingale. However, adjusting myself to these "discrepancies", I would sum up my predominant feeling as being friendly. FRESH FIELDS is definitely an effort and Mr. Marzban has AT LAST directed something that can be called a play.

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The first Act is slow and stodgy. It doesn't matter what Miss Swain has to do, she MUST look up and let the audience hear the opening lines. There were traces of nervousness in the opening scene which spoilt it but the other two Acts moved much faster. Of the women Miss Nightingale had, I admit, a difficult lead. But an amateur player must not have her own interpretation of an already established part. Lady Lilian NEVER lifted her shoulders, as Miss Nightingale does through three full acts of the play. Women may in Soho or on the Boule Blanche but not, my dear Lady Lilian, in Belgravia. And the shoulders are most important because the part is that of a COLD woman, untouched by ..... whatever it is. Without pretending to correct a full-fledged director, I suggest a straight, unconcernedly spoken part. If Miss Nightingale has patience with herself (and her critics) she might soon do a really nice lead. Of the others, Edna Moseley was good in Act II and III, because in Act I she appeared to remember that having written to me saying she enclosed TWO complimentary tickets, she had enclosed only ONE! Hilda Flanders was more than good and gave a surprisingly good rendering of her character part. Jean Moir—well, you know, Miss Moir, when the stage direction in a London play says "She kisses him", you are expected to carry out that direction and a little petting won't do instead. It reminded me of Primrose Salt, then THE debutante, who came to Oxford to play Helen of Troy in the OUDS production of "Dr. Faustus". The boys said of her, "She's got a boy in Africa and she won't be kissed on the lips". Miss Moir could be moulded into a first class performer. Tilley was good—without offence, he looked his part. And John Warwick gave a very warm rendering of his friendly part. But must those who printed the programme put under his name, the tag "British Film Star"? Surely Warwick can stand on his own performance?

"Flight For Freedom" At Strand

By T. V. P.

"Phantom of the Opera" and "Heaven Can Wait", both very outstanding pictures of the season by Universal and 20th Century Fox are held over for another week at Regal and Eros respectively. "Du Barry Was a Lady" is also held over at Metro.

"Flight For Freedom" Co-starring Rosalind Russell, Fred MacMurray and Herbert Marshall, which comes to the Strand this week, is a remarkable picture in all respects, combining as it does a powerful love story, thrilling adventure and a deep significance which throws a white light of revelation on some of America's naval victories in the South Pacific.

SECOND RUN PICTURES

"Happy Go Lucky" at Aurora, International Squadron" at Lighthouse and "Mrs. Miniver" at Bandra are good revivals, while "Arabian Nights" is continued at Palace. Paradise is showing this week four pictures. From Friday to Monday "A Yank at Eton"; on Tuesday "Boom Town"; on Wednesday "Lucky Night" and on Thursday "The Emperor's Candlesticks."

UNIVERSAL'S HITLER PICTURES

The Universals have ordered the speeding up of the picture "The Strange Death of Adolf Hitler" which is in the editing rooms. The Universals are anxious to get the picture out on the market before any sudden turn of affairs on European War Front, with the stopping of hostilities. The tempo of events has made the Universals nervous as they have spent huge sums on this propaganda picture, says an 'India Press Service' message.

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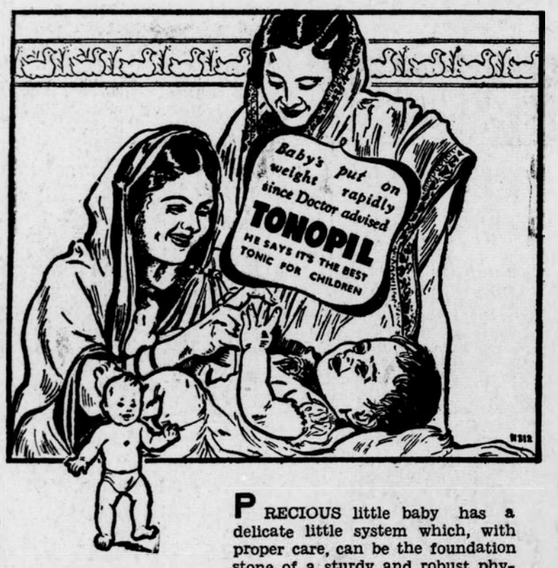

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